

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Maryland Route 30/Manchester Bypass Project**

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic A. Croh Farm

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 3638 Water Tank Road not for publication

city, town Manchester X vicinity congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Carroll County

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>X</u> private residence
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> religious
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number 3638 Water Tank Road telephone no.

city, town Manchester state and zip code Maryland 21102

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Tax Assessor liber Block 6

street & number Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street folio Lot 701

city, town Westminster state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title N/A

date    federal    state    county    local   

depository for survey records

city, town    state

## 7. Description

Survey No. CARR 1538

### Condition

☐ excellent    ☐ deteriorated  
☒ good        ☐ ruins  
☐ fair         ☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Croh Farm complex is comprised of a frame farmhouse with a Victorian T-plan appearance and a summer house. Other nineteenth century outbuildings have been removed from the property.

#### *House (1860-1870; 1900-1920)*

The 2-1/2 story projecting front block of the house is two bays by one bay with an asphalt gable roof parallel to the road. It has been covered in vinyl siding and a wraparound Craftsman-style porch with square wood posts on block piers extends across its east, principal [south] and west elevations. It does, however, retain fishscale shingles and tiny bargeboards in its gables. Fenestration is regular with one-over-one sash; a two bay oriel is affixed to the southwest corner of the principal facade. A 2-1/2 story vinyl-sided addition is affixed to the north elevation of the main block, giving it its Victorian T-plan appearance. It is two bays by two bays with asphalt shingle gable roof and an exterior cinder block chimney on the west elevation. A modern porch has been built on the east end of the north elevation. The house is believed to have been constructed at two times in large part because it is pictured on the 1877 map of the county but its final Victorian massing and finish appears to date from about a quarter century later.

#### *Summer House (1860-1870)*

The summer house is a 1-1/2 story bank sited structure covered in modern siding. The two bay by two bay summer house is located to the west of the main house.

#### *Outbuildings (1930-present)*

A two story frame and cinder block structure which is used as a garage/apartment is located east of the main house along Water Tank Road.

**Contributing Resources: 2**

## 8. Significance

Survey No. CARR 1538

Period	Areas of Significance - Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other(specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The property is not listed on the 1862 Martenet Atlas but appears on the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas [owner - ? Croh] and the 1916 Rand Mc Nally Atlas [owner - E. Krog ?]. The Lake, Griffing and Stevenson Atlas also lists a blacksmith shop in close proximity to the house, but it cannot be ascertained whether the blacksmith shop was part of the Croh Farm.

### Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1860-1870 and in the early twentieth century, the Croh Farm is not eligible for the National Register. The property is not eligible under Criterion A; no significant events historically or agriculturally have been determined to be associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion B; no persons significant in local, state or national history have been determined to have been associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion C; the property is not a significant example of its type, design or manner of construction. There are more significant and intact examples within the project area and the county.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility not recommended XX

Reviewer, OPS: [Signature]  
Reviewer, NR Program: [Signature]

Date: 2/2/98  
Date: u

[Signature]

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## 10. Geographical Data

**Quadrangle scale 1 to 24,000**

[illegible]

**11. Form Prepared By**

<b>city or town</b>	<b>Florence</b>	<b>state</b>	<b>New Jersey</b>
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**Return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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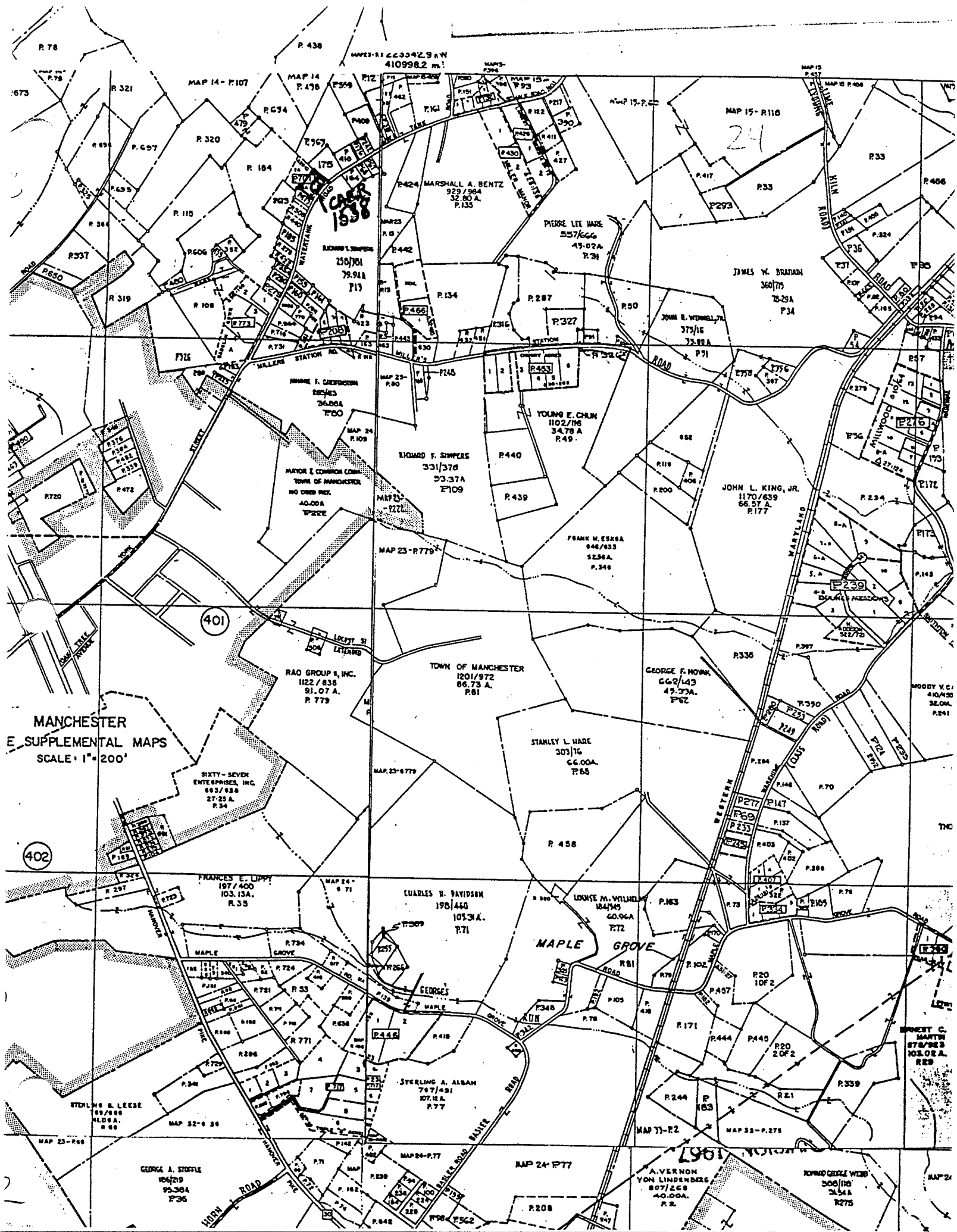
**Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:**

*Geographic Organization:* Piedmont

*Chronological/Development Periods:* Agricultural-Industrial Transition - AD 1815-1870  
Industrial-Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

*Historic Period Themes:* Architecture/Agricultural

*Resource Types:* Farm, Farmstead



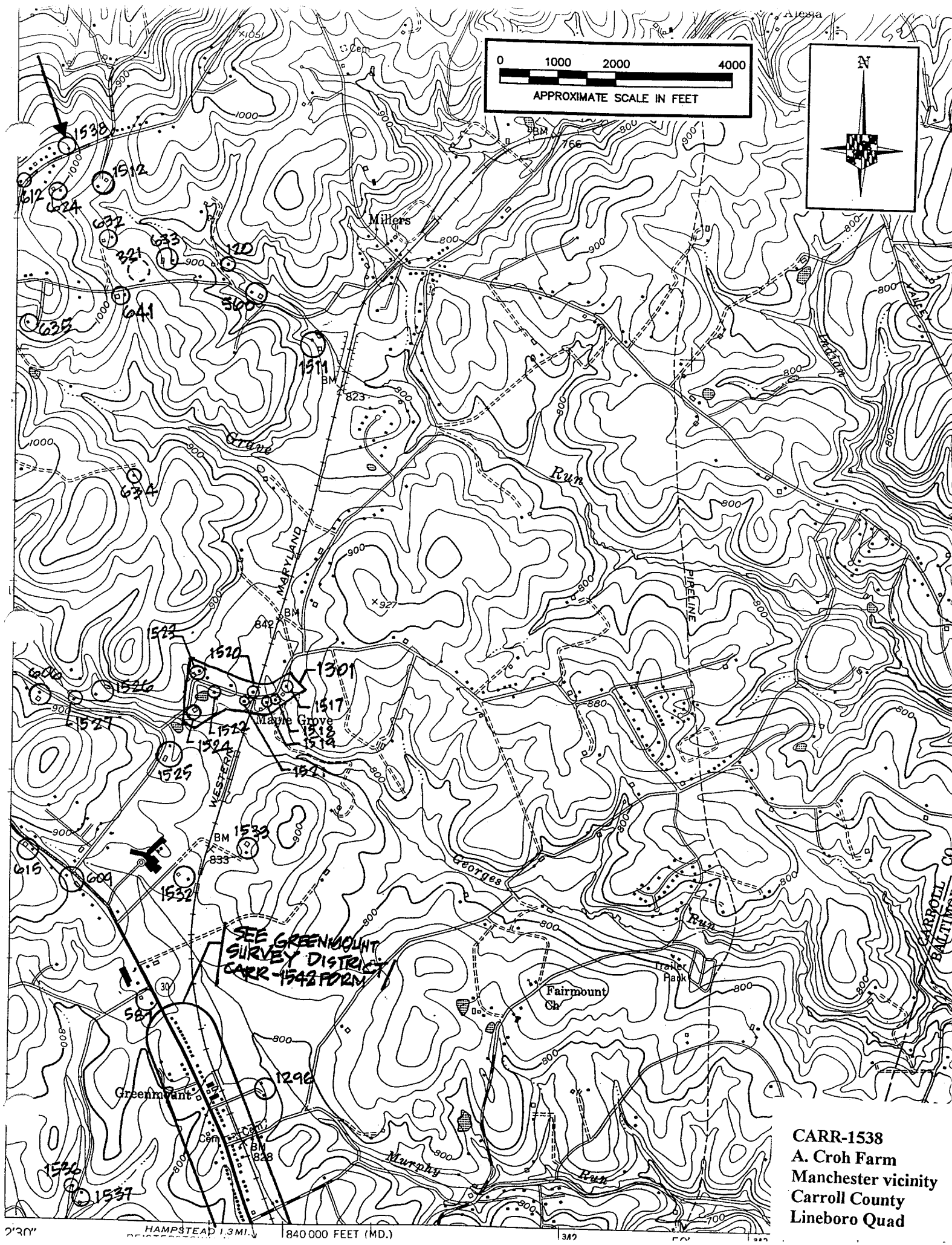
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E. SUPPLEMENTAL MAPS  
SCALE: 1"=200'

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1961







1. CARR 1538
2. Carroll County
3. Maleleine Scheerer
4. June, 1996
5. Maryland SHPD
6. 3638 WATERTANK RD  
House - west elevation
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1. @ APR 1538

2. Carroll County

3. Madeleine Scheerer

4. June, 1896

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6. 3638 WATER TOWER  
house - South facade

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1. QAR 1538
2. Carroll County
3. Madeline Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPD
6. 3638 WATER TANKER  
house - west elevation
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